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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 10/019,931) : Group Art Unit: Not Yet
Filed: July 6, 2000) : Assigned
For: METHODS, COMPOSITIONS AND) : May 10, 2002
GENETIC SEQUENCES FOR) :
MODULATING FLOWERING IN) :
PLANTS, AND PLANTS) :
GENETICALLY MODIFIED TO) :
FLOWER EARLY AND TARDILY) :

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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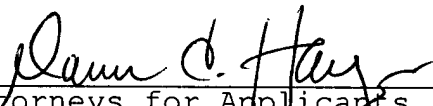
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the below-listed information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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